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### **Idaho Sheep Inventory up 5 Percent From Previous Year**

All sheep and lamb inventory in Idaho on January 1, 2010, totaled 220,000 head, up 10,000 head from the previous year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2010, totaled 180,000 head. Breeding ewes one year old and older totaled 150,000 head, up 2,000 head from January 1, 2009. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2010 totaled 40,000 head. The 2009 lamb crop of 195,000 head was up 5,000 head from 2008.

Idaho meat goat inventory on January 1, 2010 was 13,000 head, up 1,000 head from a year ago. Milk goats totaled 2,800 head, up 300 head from the previous year.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2010, totaled 5.63 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.19 million head on January 1, 2010, down 1 percent from 4.25 million head on January 1, 2009. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.34 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2010, totaled 1.44 million head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2009. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 19 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total marketings. The 2009 lamb crop of 3.69 million head, was down 1 percent from 2008. The 2009 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2009, up 3 percent from 2008.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2010, totaled 3.04 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.53 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. Does one year old and older, at 1.87 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 518,000 head, down 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2009 totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, down 1 percent from 2008.